

# Taft in to Stay It's Now in Force

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President Taft Is Quoted as Saying to Callers.

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To the Making Public of This Statement.

Sets at Rest Rumors of a Possible Withdrawal.

Washington, Jan. 2.—"Nothing but death can keep me out of the fight now," President Taft is reported to have made this statement to White House callers today and to have added that he had no objections to the statement being made public.

It undoubtedly was intended to set at rest all reports that Mr. Taft might withdraw from the race for the Republican nomination for president in favor of Col. Roosevelt.

The president is said to be thoroughly aroused to the gravity of the situation in the Republican party and determined to let his attitude be generally understood. He has declared that under no circumstances will he be withdrawn from consideration of the Chicago convention next June and has asserted that his position with respect to the nomination has not changed in any particular since he first entered the White House. Mr. Taft has told friends and party leaders from the first that if he should be called upon to stand for re-election he would be glad to do so; that he felt under obligations to the party for having made him president and was willing to abide its decision in the convention, according to announcement to day and will not quit the race until the nominating ballots are cast at Chicago.

**Urged to Make It.**

The president was urged by a number of his closest friends to make a definite statement to his position and agreed to do so in the language quoted above. With this statement as their inspiration, it is said, his supporters will at once begin an active campaign in his behalf.

It was said today that some of Mr. Taft's friends have gone so far lately as to advise him to openly break with Col. Roosevelt and to challenge the latter to make plain his intentions. The president has declined to do this. The White House has been fairly flooded with callers lately who have brought word to President Taft that Col. Roosevelt so far has declined to say that he would accept the nomination if it were tendered to him.

It also has been reported to the White House that Col. Roosevelt believes an organized effort is being made to "smoke him out" and that he declines to be "smoked" either by the Taft or LaFollette forces.

**No Messenger to Roosevelt.**

The president has listened to all of these reports with an indulgent smile but has refused to indicate whether or not he believed them. It is vehemently denied at the White House however, that Mr. Taft has sent any "messengers" to Mr. Roosevelt on any subject whatever.

The president has been urged for weeks to make a more aggressive campaign in his own behalf. He has replied that he did not think political activity commensurate with presidential dignity. He now has consented that his friends carry forward the fight vigorously as they desire and he will lend what assistance he properly can.

## T. R. NOT A FRAUD

Lou Payne Says the Colonel Will Not Accept a Nomination.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Lou F. Payne, former state superintendent of insurance and a charter member of the "Old Guard," in a statement given out today predicted the nomination and reelection of President Taft.

"Mr. Roosevelt will not seek or accept nomination," he said. "Whatever Roosevelt is, he is not a fraud and I am surprised that anybody doubts his word when he has explicitly declared he will not do it."

Of the insurgent movement he said: "As I view the general situation, just as the labor unions, which are composed of the most honest, of honest men, have discovered the right of the dynamite and are giving them what they deserve, so must the Republican party find the right of the dynamite. The Garfield, the LaFollette and others in their ranks."

## TO FLY ACROSS OCEAN

Atwood Will Attempt to Do It in 30 Hours.

Lynn, Mass., Jan. 2.—Henry N. Atwood will make an attempt next April to cross the ocean in an hydroplane in 30 hours. An improved type of hydroplane of his own design, it was learned today, is to be constructed by the Burgess company at Marblehead, Mass.

Atwood has designed a machine larger than any yet built, to drive two engines of not less than 150 horsepower. Atwood declares that with ordinary climatic conditions he will make the trip in 30 hours without difficulty. Newfoundland from the east coast of coast of Ireland, a distance of approximately 2,400 miles, 600 miles of which will be traveled by ocean liners.

He plans to start at 8 o'clock in the evening accompanied by one mechanic and fly by compass until morning when he will pick up the wake of an ocean liner.

**Capital Over a Billion.**

Washington, Jan. 2.—The year 1911 closed with 1,240 national banks in existence with a capitalization of \$1,032,362,121. The total amount of national bank circulation outstanding on December 31 was \$169,643,121.

# HOME FROM COLLEGE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

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## FIELD IS WIDENING AND HE SAID YES. RATES TOO HIGH.

New Jersey Man Is Urged for Supreme Court Bench.

Senator Curtis Makes a Suggestion to President Taft.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The field of candidates under consideration by President Taft for the vacancy on the supreme court bench was enlarged today by the unofficial announcement that Supreme Court Justice Swayne of New Jersey was being urged for the appointment.

Senator Curtis of Kansas today suggested to President Taft that the best way to determine the value of objections to Judge Hook for his decision in the Oklahoma two-cent fare case would be to read the opinion in the case.

**Protest on Account of Son.**

Washington, Jan. 2.—In a letter of protest to President Taft against the appointment of Judge Hook to the supreme court, sent by Representative Charles D. Carter of Oklahoma, that member of the judiciary is directly charged with deciding in favor of railroad represented by his son and with deciding against a railroad not represented by his son under the Oklahoma two-cent passenger rate law.

The letter follows: "Honored Sir:—I wish to protest against the appointment of Judge Hook to the supreme bench. We believe in Oklahoma that Judge Hook was very unfair in his construction and decision of our two-cent passenger rate law. It is insinuated by our corporation commission that Judge Hook's son was employed to represent certain railroads with the expectation that he would be able to influence his father, Judge Hook, in his decision."

**The Other Road Suffers.**

"It is moreover directly charged by the corporation commission of Oklahoma that all the railroads which employed Judge Hook's son were exempted from the two-cent passenger rate under Judge Hook's decision, and that the Iron Mountain railroad which was the only railroad that failed to employ Judge Hook's son is still forced to carry passengers at the two-cent rate and freight at the corporation commission rate."

"In view of these facts I feel it to be my duty to the corporation commission to make vigorous protest against the appointment of Judge Hook."

**"CHARLES D. CARTER."**

Judge Hook's son mentioned by Mr. Carter is Ingram Hook of Kansas City, who is connected with the office of Frank Hargerty, a noted corporation lawyer of Kansas.

**Nevada Also Protests.**

Reno, Nev., Jan. 2.—The Nevada railroad commission has wired Nevada senators and congressmen asking them to oppose any move looking to the appointment of Judge William Hook of Leavenworth, Kan., to the United States supreme court. The commission "strongly urges" the nomination of Franklin K. Lane or "some other broad progressive man in sympathy with the people."

Opposition to Judge Hook is based largely upon his decision in the Oklahoma rate case.

**Walkout on Navy Yard.**

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 2.—There was a walk-out of 50 mechanics at the Norfolk navy yard today as a protest against what they assert is an effort to introduce a scientific time system. The men refused to sign the time cards. A meeting of the mechanics was called for this afternoon when a final decision as to their future course will be announced.

**Weather Indications.**

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Forecast for Kansas: Generally fair tonight and Thursday.

# BUILD UP SERVICE OUTLOOK IS GOOD

Rock Island to Build New Roundhouse in Topeka.

Ten-Store Structure to Handle Freight Business.

MORE RUNS COMING

Topeka a More Important Point on the Road.

Locomotives Standing on Tracks Without Usual Care.

Topeka's importance as second district headquarters of the Rock Island Lines will be strengthened this year when the new ten-store roundhouse is completed. In the 1912 budget it is provided that the new building be built by the general officers in Topeka at this time. It includes an appropriation for a ten-store roundhouse to be constructed immediately on the site of the old house near the south approach of the Rock Island Kaw river bridge.

Topeka is situated between the two important western terminals of the Rock Island Lines—Kansas City and Burlington. A little more than 80 miles east of Burlington and 60 miles west of Kansas City. The average running terminal on the railroad in this territory is 150 miles. This has been adopted pretty generally as a standard distance for train and engine crews.

This means, on the face of it, Topeka in all probability, never will be a freight terminal on the Rock Island. But from the work of the road in the past and the plans to build a ten-store roundhouse it is apparent that Topeka is regarded as a convenient location for "turn-around" runs and for many short local freight and passenger runs.

**Locomotives Left in Open.**

Rock Island men in Topeka say that for the last few months locomotives of the road have been "lumped" and have been left standing out in the open until they were called for duty. There was no room in the roundhouse for them. A locomotive any time in day or night from one to five freight and passenger engines may be seen standing in the Rock Island yards unable to be housed on account of the lack of room.

The new roundhouse will be built of brick and concrete and will form a semi-circle facing the west on the site of the present building. It will extend from the north line of the old building out into the space on the south that has been filled with cinders in the last few years. The turntable now in use will be capable of accommodating the equipment. The new building will be much larger than the old and will be of sufficient size to handle the larger freight and passenger engines on the road and the locomotives that have been ordered.

The heavy freight business of the Rock Island Lines to the east goes by way of Kansas City. It reaches Topeka after south and southwest combinations at Burlington and goes north from this city to St. Joseph, Mo., and Chicago, Ill. The freight runs out of this city and the other increasing freight crew and equipment business terminating and turning here, it is felt by Rock Island officials that the new roundhouse in Topeka will not be too large for the necessary accommodations.

The new budget has many things in store for the improvement of the Rock Island Lines in the state.

## IT'S COLDER TODAY

Promise Is That the Conditions Will Continue.

Our old friends Lo Pressure and Just Above Zero walked into Topeka via the air line this morning. They are inseparable these two friends—when you feel and see one you see and feel the other. Lo Pressure says he will have to leave this evening but will return again as soon as he can. Just Above Zero—the villain—will remain in Topeka for several days and visit "Sunny" Flora the weather man.

But, cheer up, ye shivering, shuddering, chirping citizens. In St. Paul this very minute the temperature is 10 degrees below zero and the warmest weather they have had for a week has been 8 degrees below zero. On the other hand in Southern California they are squeezing sand between their toes on the beach.

Today at 2 o'clock p. m. the thermometer said 11 degrees above zero. At 9 o'clock this morning it was 4 degrees above zero. It has rambled around that way all day. "Sunny" Flora says it will be good sleighing for some time. Tomorrow, he says, will be another day.

The score board shows:

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## HOME RULE FOR CITIES.

Is Among the Reforms Advocated by Governor Dix.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Development of the state's natural resources with state ownership regulation and control, and restraints designed to strengthen the direct nominations law, were recommended in Gov. Dix's annual message to the New York legislature today.

Other recommendations were: More stringent penalties for vote buying and selling.

The repeal of the law regulating boxing.

A rational workmen compensation law.

Reduced hours of labor for women employed in factories.

"Home Rule" for cities and villages.

## THEY LOSE DECISION

Man and Woman Must Serve Time for Murder.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 2.—The supreme court refused to grant a new trial here in the case of Walter Dingley and Golda Smith who are serving a term in the prison for killing Stanley Ketchel the prize fighter.